Misappropriation of Kerosene and Diesel Oil

18. Sri M. NAGAPPA (Raichur).—

Will the Minister for Transport be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether Government is aware of the misappropriation of thousands of litres of Diesel and Kerosene Oil at the two bus depots at Raichur and Lingasugur by the authorities in charge of the depots ;

(*b*) if so, the action taken by them in the matter ?

A.—Sri MOHAMED ALI (Minister for Transport).—

(*a*) Yes. A telegram is received in the Mysore Stete Road Transport Corporation Central Offices regarding misappropriation of Diesel and Kerosene in Lingasugur Depot. In Raichur Depot abnormal consumption of Kerosene was reported during stock verification.

(*b*) An Enquiry Officer has been appointed to conduct Depart" mental enquiry and to fix up responsibility against the Depot Manager, Lingasugur who is already placed under suspension in another default case. As regards Raichur Depot the Divisional Controller, Gulbarga has been instructed to conduct an enquiry and to fix up responsibility.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ನಾಗಪ್ಪ.—ಇವೆರಡು ಡಿಪೋಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಗ್ಯಾಲನ್‌ಗಳು ಡೀಸಲ್ ಆಯಿಲ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಸೀಮೆ ಎಣ್ಣೆ ದುರುಪಯೋಗವಾಗಿದೆ, ಅದರ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

†Sri MOHAMED ALI.—It is stated in the telegram received that there was misappropriation of 6000 litres of diesel oil and 300 litres of kerosene oil in Lingasugur Depot and nothing was mentioned about Raichur Depot.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ನಾಗಪ್ಪ.—ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಎರಡು ಡಿಪೋಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹೇಳಿದೆ. ಇದುವರೆಗೆ ಬಂದಿರುವ ವರದಿಯಂತೆ ಯಾವ ಯಾವ ಡಿಪೋಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ದುರುಪಯೋಗವಾಗಿದೆ ಎನ್ನುವ ವಿವರಗಳು ಬಂದಿವೆಯೇ ? ಹಾಗೆ ವರದಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕಳುಹಿಸದೇ ಇದ್ದರೆ ಅಂತಹ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಏನಾದರೂ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೀರಾ ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—An Enquiry Officer has been appointed. A preliminary report has been received. Further verification is going on to fix up the responsibility, the nature of the responsibility and the persons responsible for the same.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಎ. ಚನ್ನೇಗೌಡ.—ಇದುವರೆಗೆ ನರಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಯಾವ ವರದಿಗಳೂ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲವೇ ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—It came to the notice of the Corporation on account of this telegram.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಎ. ಚನ್ನೇಗೌಡ.—ಯಾವ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಇದು ದುರುಪಯೋಗವಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿದುಬಂದಿದೆ ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—It relates to a period 6 months before the telegram.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—What is the preliminary report of the Enquiry Officer ? May I know whether the concerned officials were kept under suspension during the time of enquiry, What time was taken by the

enquiry officer to conduct the preliminary enquiry and what further time will be taken by him to submit his final report ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—I am expecting the final report within a month. The preliminary report discloses that there has been wrong accounting, excessive issue and also shortage. To what extent there has been shortage, is it on account of misappropriation or wrong issue or excess issue or on account of theft is the matter that is being examined. When the final report received after verification of the stocks, a final report will be given.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ನಾಗಪ್ಪ.—ಅದೇ ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿದ್ದ ಡಿವಿಜನರ್ ಕಂಟ್ರೋಲ್ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ನೇಮಕ ಮಾಡಿ, ಅಲ್ಲಿಯ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಅದೇ ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿಟ್ಟು ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ಮಾಡಿಸಲಾಯಿತು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದಂತಾಯಿತು. ಇದರಿಂದ ಆ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗೆ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟುಗಳನ್ನು ಟ್ಯಾಂಪರ್ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶವಿದೆ ಎಂಬುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರಿಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲವೇ ? ಅವರನ್ನು ಅಲ್ಲಿಂದ ತೆಗೆದುಹಾಕಿ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ನಡೆಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿರಲಿಲ್ಲವೇ ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—The documents and other things have been taken over and they are under the custody of our security officers. Our security officers have looked into these documents already and I do not think there is any scope to tamper with those documents.

Playing Field for School Children

19. MAJOR P. F. D'MELLOW (Nominated).—

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether Government is aware that there is need for more playing fields for school childern in Bangalore ;

(*b*) whether the provision of adequate playing fields at the institution is considered as one of the essential conditions for the grant of recognition to educational Institutions ?

A.—Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

MAJOR P. F. D'MELLOW.—Will the Government be pleased to examine whether the policy now being adopted by the Corporation of Bangalore City to tax playing fields under the head 'vacant land' has not in fact tended to interfere with national development plans in the matter of sports, physical education and youth welfare activities ?

†Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—Of course, there are some cases where the playgrounds have been appropriated for other use. Anyhow, we have taken sufficient care to see that proper playgrounds are given to each school. But it is a bit difficult in a city like Bangalore to have sufficient playgrounds for all the schools on account of want of proper sites.